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HOUSING ACTION

HOPE FOR HOMELESS?

Since April 1st the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act has given the homeless a theoretical right to a home.

Of course, there are no extra houses being built and no more money to build more (profit first). So you might be inclined to call the act a con.

A decent home, in a decent enviroment, is a right we will have to fight for with more than legal paper. By knowing the Act, we can use it to throw their hypocrisy back in their faces.

Homelessness By Section 1 of the Act a person is homeless if he/she, together with others who would normally live with him/her, has no accommodation which they are entitled to occupy or if there is accommodation which they cannot secure entry to, or there is a risk of violence in occupying it (eg: battered women.)

A person is 'threatened' with homelessness if they are likely to become homeless within 28 days, the normal time allowed on an eviction order from the courts.

Who is in 'Priority need?' Section 2 of the Act defines certain priority groups. Homeless persons have a priority need for accommodation if they:

- have independent children living with them or who might reasonably be expected to do so.
- are homeless as a result of an emergency or disaster.

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PENILEE SCANDAL

a 'tenement' in PENILEE

A group of tenants in Gleddoch Rd., in the Penilee estate have been exposed to the threat of eviction because of manipulation by the Housing Department at Clive House.

This bureaucratic landmark's image will be further tarnished by the disclosure that they conveniently "lost" minutes of a meeting with the tenants in December, 1974.

Their scheme, wracked with condensation & other defects was constructed for Italian P.O.W.s in W.W. II & later converted for short-term use for workers at Rolls-Royce & other Hillington Estate factories.

TENANTS TELL THEIR OWN STORY— PAGE THREE

As with all visits of 'Royals' & other Authority figures, a facade at a not inconsiderable expense was erected for Prince Charlie Boy's recent visit to Dumbarton, Blackhill & Barmulloch.

At Barmulloch, walls were painted & cleansed(of IRA slogans) in the vicinity of 'All Saints' secondary school. The main object of the visit, a Fishing club (tied in with Prince Charming's jubilee fund - for suckers!) was hastily revived so that a fabricated appearance could be consumed by the public relations outfit for authorities - the press & T.V..

As Gay News lost their appeal against their conviction for blasphemy another blasphemy trial was just beginning.

Two Sicilian anarchists, Franco Leggio and Alfredo Bonanno are charged with publishing an essay

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called The God Plague and Religion Epidemic. The essay had been published previously in 1883 and more recently in a highly priced collection of anarchist classics. At the equivalent of £12 the authorities obviously felt they had nothing to fear but Leggio and Bonanno reprinted the article as a cheap pamphlet. They now stand accused of ' vilifying the Catholic religion, the deity or the priesthood.'

GPP readers may be interested in local publications of Bonanno's essays: ANARCHISM & THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE; CRITIQUE OF SYNDICALIST METHODS, including trade unionism & an essay in WORKERS AUTONOMY, published May '78. From BRATACH DUBH, c/o 83 Langside Tce., Port Glasgow, who have al so published ANGRY BRIGADE DOCUMENTS, each pamphlet 30p each + postage.

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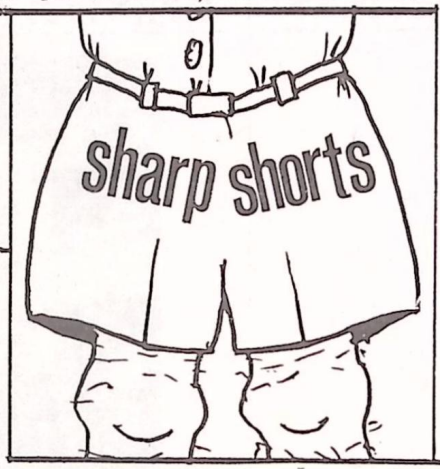
FARES RISE AGAIN

Fares rises from 26 to 28p & 18 to 20p have been engineered by the GGPTE, taking effect from April 2nd

The Public Hearing on the 22nd of March proved to be a farce as tenants groups from Drumchapel & other schemes on the city's limits put forward reasoned arguments for a break on the yearly fare rises and an improvement in frequency of services only to have their criticisms side-tracked by GGPTE 'experts'

So, what is the alternative ? Basically, the GPP advocates the response of working people in Italy & to a lesser extent elsewhere who practice 'Self-reduction'. This doesn't mean that rou shrink in size(!) but decide yourself what fare to pay. In practice this is likely to mean avoiding paying the top fare for long journeys or paying the bottom fare for middle-distance journeys.

Also, lots of people aren't paying at all. We say - CUT THE BUREAUCRACY NOT THE SERVICES, REDUCE FARES NOW !



ELECTION RESULT: successful candidate in Seine-Maritime, French Elections - for the COMMUNIST PARTY was a certain I.Bourgeois - WOW !

poet's corner

"Wher hiv aw rhe 'Tossin Schools' gon
"Pitch an Toss"
An "Moshie" tae?
When Ah wis a wee smaw lad,
AH wid go oan a Sunday
Wi Ma Dahd.
Doon tae Glesca Green,
Tae rha biggest 'Tossin School'
Ye ever did see.
Ye'd get Fifty, Sixty,
A Hunner ur mair
Aw tryin tae 'Even up Rha Score'

Bit ye cannae play 'Moshie' in
CUMBERNAULD
Cos ye cannae maik 'Moshie Holes
IN CONCRETE

Ye ask mi wher aw rha Tossin
Schools hiv gon?
Well AH'll tell ye.
Rher aw deid.
Rhey died wen 'RHEH' demolished
AW RHASTREETS.

Wher hiv aw rhe 'Tossin Schools'
Gon?
Rhey're aw BURIET
Under rhe GLESCA MOTIRWAE
Cos rhe folks rhat ran rhem,
WUR AW MOVED AWAY.

WILLIAM S. NISBET

BUILT-IN WASTE

At Langside College the fiasco of the Nursery nurses continues. At present it's estimated that 300 graduates of the course at the College have been unable to find employment in nursery schools & day-nurseries. The present reduced intake of 50 school-leavers are likely to be the same position a year from now.

Recently 'Current Account' focussed on the need to inject a more 'educational' note to the day-nurseries. Fair enough, but the crux of the whole issue lies in the lap of the Government. As reported in GPP 2(Oct.'77), the situation is due to the regulation of the economy through cutting back on a 'real' growth in State expenditure, such as schools & nurseries.

As the corresponding increase in factory nursery provision shows, in society at the moment nursery provision is intimately linked to industrial demand for cheap female factory fodder. The contradictions of specialised training in childcare having no outlet in related work shows up yet again the bankruptcy of a system geered to profits & bureaucratic power.

At the time of going to press a temporary 'stay of execution' has delayed the eviction notices beyond the March 28th date. 3 families in particular are threatened, in that their tenancy isn't 'sufficient' & are threatening to barricade themselves in & resist eviction with the aid of other members of the PENILEE ACTION COMMITTEE who tell their story below;

FAMILIES AT WAR

That is the name we have been endowed with because we have united to fight for justice which should have been our right, & not to submit to a power which is fast becoming a dictatorship - namely the Glasgow District Housing Department. WHY is such disruption allowed to go on ? Our experience could have caused serious family breakup..& the danger of antogonism between neighbour and other families, through unfair allocation of houses & just as important the subtle misquotes and wrong inflection on a word which can distort the truth.

There is a quote "Rules are for fools and the Guidance of the Wise", and it seems that the Housing Department are treating the Flat tenants as a pack of fools. The "Rule" changes not only from day to day but from hour to hour & yet we are told that the only people who can make the rules are the Council and it takes a month. We have experienced that after all our details have been taken, they can come up with a "rule" whereby we don't qualify. When another person goes with this particular qualification - they find another excuse for refusal. The "rules" on tenancy to qualify for a modernised house in PENILEE can change from 22, 25, 10 & 15 years all within a week ! Each person gets told a different story.

Under the modernisation, the terrace or 4-in-a-block houses are in the last stages of completion. They started work on them in 1971. Now they are about to start the modernisation of the flats but for some reason we are now called tenement dwellers which apparently comes under a different ruling !

We are in the "pilot" scheme and according to the schedule already a whole year behind, and a penalty is due to the contractor if the block is not emptied when they need to commence their work. We cannot get assurance that the block will withstand the intensive work that has to be carried out. Only a shell will be left & it is practically a rebuilding job.

We may be out of our houses anything from 18 months to 2 years, or it may be that the whole block will have to be demolished due to the streams & swampy ground on which it has been built. No one has seen any plans or drawings of the modernised flats yet the work is supposed to begin presently. Before the "pilot" scheme for the terrace houses started detailed information was available. Because of the duration of our modernisation we differ from other schemes in the city. It was supposed to take 3/4 years and it has taken 4/5 years so far & the flats

MODERNISED 'TERRACE'

haven't even been started & they say it will take at least another 2 years. Instead of a little consideration the flat dwellers are getting terrible treatment. We have put up with all the inconvenience & the noise of all the work going on around us, watching property & re-construction while vandals rampaged, pilfering, destroying & setting fire to the houses. Bad roads & pavements damaged through heavy machinery caused sprained & broken limbs. SUFFERING THIS FOR 5 YEARS, IS IT TO BE WONDERED THAT WE GO TO "WAR" WHEN THE PROMISES MADE TO US ARE NOT HONOURED.

Can you understand the irony we feel when we are told that the "minutes" of the all important meeting outlining the details of the modernisation "Got lost". These minutes must state that it was said that PENILEE HOUSES WERE FOR THE PEOPLE OF PENILEE. Can a Council "lose" Minutes, without trace? Mr. Bruce Millan, our M.P., seems to be of the opinion that it might have been said that after the people of Penilee were housed satisfactorily then outsiders would be considered. The truth is that more people from outside are coming in to Penilee, than the people who live in the scheme, who don't need to have the qualifications we the "pilot" scheme must have. The Housing Department seem determined that the flat tenants must come back to the flats but because of recent pressure & publicity, they have opened a transfer list to re-house tenants of the other flats, who have a tenancy of 34 years & working downwards either in Penilee or a suitable house elsewhere.

Bearing in mind there is no stated time for the completion of the work or whether the block can withstand the modernisation, is it any wonder that people should refuse Offers of houses that are downright filthy, too small or would incur an added cost of over £10 a week in travelling. Some people who are employed in Penilee & Hillington Estate with early starts would have to give up their jobs. Children would have to travel or cross busy main roads to get to school.

The refusals were justified but regardless, after 2 refusals you can get an Eviction notice & taken to Court where a Sheriff is not interested in WHY you refuse, only that the Eviction notice was served & that your name & dates theron are correct otherwise you leave with a decree against you. Is this British justice? Is there no appeal against a Notice ? Many of us learned that the Housing Department had us down for more refusals than we had offers !

We get classed as tenement dwellers & different rules are looming up day by day. We are paying more to heat our houses in their present state than the people in the modernised houses & there is little difference in rent & rates.

People amongst us with the low tenancies, who seem sure to be evicted because they have only 6/7/8 years tenancy, are angered at being placed in a different category from terrace house occupants with a few years tenancy who are offered 8 or 9 terraced houses from which to choose from.

Owing to the word Decant - we do not come under any compensation other than the paying of the removals, if we are fortunate enough to be 'Decanted' & not transferred.

After forming an Action Group we at least have had some success, the threat of eviction seems to have been postponed meantime. A couple, both suffering from heart trouble, have received indication of being rehoused. In fact, we have all had some kind of offer except the three with the lowest tenancy. People with little or no tenancy can walk into the scheme from houses that have had to be demolished, yet could be offered the houses in Mosspark & Bellahouston, etc. made available for decanting purposes since these people know they have to settle in another district.

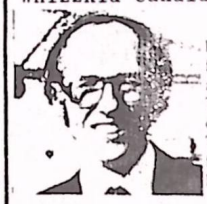
We feel that the public should know the blockages that arise & how difficult it is to get guidance. What has happened to us could happen again, somewhere else.

Garscadden Party Games

ALL OF A SUDDEN THE POLITICIANS ARE INTERESTED IN 'GARSCADDEN'. THE PEOPLE OF YOKER, KNIGHTSWOOD, TEMPLE DRUMCHAPEL(Cleddans, Summerhill, Blairdardie & Drumry) are being courted for their vote.

After receiving small measure for years, the accent is on the land of promises from politicians who ooze concern for bad housing, unemployment & low wages, lack of amenities, inadequete transport services & the stresses of living in schemes in Drumchapel, where women in particular have "perimeter scheme nerves" & are on valium.

How cynical can you get ? Especially coming from LABOUR & their whizzkid candidate Donald Dewar:



Labour are winning the economic battle. The commitment to the less fortunate, to the under-privileged and the disadvantaged is still there. There is the instinctive detestation of cant, hypocrisy and privilege. The Labour Party still stands and fights for civilised standards and a high social wage.

Fine words, but HOW do people come to be "disadvantaged" & considering periods of Labour rule , why are people still "less fortunate" or "under-privileged". To put it bluntly, your "instinctive detestation" can't be so strong as you proclaim. After all, schemes such as Drumchapel were erected under a Labour Government in the post WW II period & successive Labour councils have intensified the plight of people forced to live on the 'bread-line' in their concern to prop up an exploitative system.

Most people are pretty clear about the Tories, the party of Big Business & their sausage-machine of a candidate,Lawson presents no alternative for working people.

But the SNP are a different story. Their 'radical' candidate Keith Bovey, Byres Rd. lawyer, adopts an opportunist posture by shedding crocodile tears at the quality of life in much of Garscadden constituency & promising better things to come with 'Scotland's oil'. No bover ! All you do is vote SNP & hey presto, Independence will sort out all these nasty'social problems'. BUT, 'independence'

"The SNP aim of independence does not remain a secret but is proclaimed from the rooftips. The immediate need of this constituency is to staunch the flow of jobs out of it. That is why I see the main issue as that of unemployment.

"When I win I will claim my victory as a vote for the only party which has stood up for the right to work," he said.

for who ? For Scottish businessmen like Hugh Fraser & his Arnottts store in Drumchapel. For local Authorities to carry on as before, under a change of flag & anthem .

But what about the 'Right to Work', a demand shared with Sammy Barr of the Communist Party & Peter Porteous of the Socialist Workers Party. Unless it is a purely cynical 'demand', this can only serve to bolster the System of production for profit & bureaucratic manipulation. Even if it could concede a demand like this it wouldn't represent an advance for working people - the root of the problem lies with the State itself & not 'full employment.

Real independence can only be to take power away from Authorities.

ELECTION FEVER

Medical opinion has diagnosed that this is not a serious ailment, confined to a small section of the population who are Party to ideas about exercising political power over working people who produce the wealth & carry out the orders. The Depressants LAB/CON/LIB/SNP/SLP/SWP/CP/NF/WRP/IMG, etc.,etc. - there are 57 varieties in all - are not advised for they contain a GOVERNMENT HEALTH HAZARD & sap independent will.

vote masochist

DON'T VOTE - IT ONLY ENCOURAGES THEM sums up what the GPP collective think about elections.

If you vote in a parliamentary or local election you are doing the system a favour - even if its a vote for a 'fringe' party such as the NF(Nazis) or SWP & Socialist Unity(Marxist). Of course 'fringe' parties don't see their road to political power through the ballot box, but rather through the manipulation of the struggles of working people for their own ends.

The more 'fringe' candidates that stand the more the System likes it since the appearance is produced that 'our' benign democracy is tolerant of all shades of opinion. It's rather like T.V.'s "Open Door" giving the appearance of 'Balance'.

However, the alternative isn't pure apathy. While the INDIRECT democracy preferred by the Parties is a farce, amounting to little more than touting for votes every few years, DIRECT democracy would represent an alternative where power wasn't surrendered to a faceless bureaucracy. This alternative, which stands in contradiction to the idea of the State, means power flows from the bottom upward with a socialism that is equated with everybody making decisions not a strengthened State machine.

On top of the Garscadden & Hamilton by-erections, there is also the question of the May Regional Elections to that Strathclyde bureaucracy. Would you buy a used car or bagful of promises from the Rogues Gallery responsible for matters such as education & planning - to vote for any of them would be plain MASOCHISM !

TURPIE, LEONARD M. Anniesland/ Kelvinside (25)

HARLEY, WILLIAM Possilpark Dovecaddens (21)

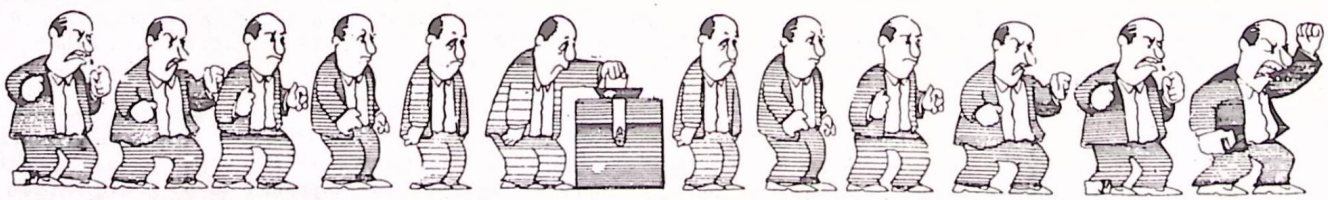
GREEN, MALCOLM R. Partick East/ Anderston (24

FULTON, THOMAS Easterhouse/ Garthamlock (11)

SHAW, GEOFFREY M. Crosshill/ Prospecthill (31

BUCHAN, MRS. JANEY Gryffe (83)

MURRAY, GORDON Cumbernauld South and East (52)



MAY '68
DAILY CRAP
AUDIENCE TAKES OVER THE STAGE!
IT IS FORBIDDEN TO FORBID
All power to the Workers Councils! The unions are only mechanisms to integrate us into capitalist society!
Workers on Strike
Something seems to have changed..
Yes! The workers want to run things themselves!
The best thing for us to do is to get the hell out of here
CMDO

Mayday : Origins

MAY 1 1886 saw 340,000 workers striking all over the United States demanding an 8-hour day.

In Chicago alone, 80,000 came out and here a number of anarchist militants agitated inside the labour movement.

The following Monday, the police fired on strikers at the McCormick Harvester works and six workers were killed.

The next day a protest meeting was broken up by the police. In the ensuing melee, a bomb was thrown at the police, killing one outright and fatally wounding seven others.

Evidence came to light later that the bomb had been thrown by a police agent.

The bosses, however, used this incident to victimise leading working class militants and attempt to break the labour movement.

After a farcical trial, with a jury made up of businessmen, their clerks, and a relative of a dead policeman, four anarchists were hanged, another committing suicide before sentence could be passed.

In 1888, the American Federation of Labour continued the 8-hour day movement with May 1 as a day of action.

The Paris conference of the Second International in 1890 fixed Mayday as an international day of solidarity for the 8-hour day.

That year, demonstrations took place all over Europe and America.

Ninety years after the Chicago demonstration, where are we? The murder of five anarchist workers is conveniently forgotten.

Just another institution, just another great yawn.

The United Kingdom finally follows the example of other governments of East and West, and plans to make Mayday into a public holiday.

It will not necessarily be on Mayday itself, but a Monday near it, so the working week is disrupted as little as possible.

In Moscow every year, hundreds of tanks and ballistic missiles are paraded through the streets to demonstrate the might of Russian imperialism and the power of the state bureaucracy over the workers and peasants of the USSR.

In many countries of the West, Mayday has become just another public holiday.

Trade union bureaucrats and the social democrats make the usual empty and meaningless speeches about 'socialism', while the revolutionary origins of Mayday and internationalism, is now just a sentimental ritual to disguise the betrayals of the union leaders and the social-democratic and Stalinist parties.

What *is* important about Mayday is that 'once upon a time' there was the show of strength by workers on an international level.

This should be remembered in the years ahead, as we fight to resist the ruling class offensive and the corruption of working class initiatives by union bureaucrats.

Anarchist Worker,
May 1976

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- are vulnerable or have or might reasonably be expected to have living with them people who are vulnerable eg: because of old age, mental illness or handicap, physical disability etc.

Women who are pregnant are sepcifically identified as being in priority need. There is power for the categories to be amended by Ministerial order.

Local authority duties. Sections 3 and 4 describe the local authorities main duties towards the homeless.

If you apply to a local authority for assistance their first duty is to make enquiries as to whether you are homeless and in priority need - then they will make enquiries as to whether you became homeless intentionally and/or whether you have a 'local connection' with the notified authority or another.

- You become homeless intentionally by deliberately doing or failing to do something which could have kept you in your accommodation. A battered woman however, is never considered as intentionally homeless.
- You have a local connection with an area if you are normally resident there out of choice; or employed in it; have family associations there; or any other special circumstances. Again there are exceptions in the case of battered women.

Apart from enquiries the local authority housing department is under a duty to provide accommodation for those in need. If you fall into a priority group you are entitled to accommodation immediately even if the enquiries aren't completed (though of course they can make a charge for it.) If the authority discover you became homeless intentionally their duty ceases but they should allow you time to find other

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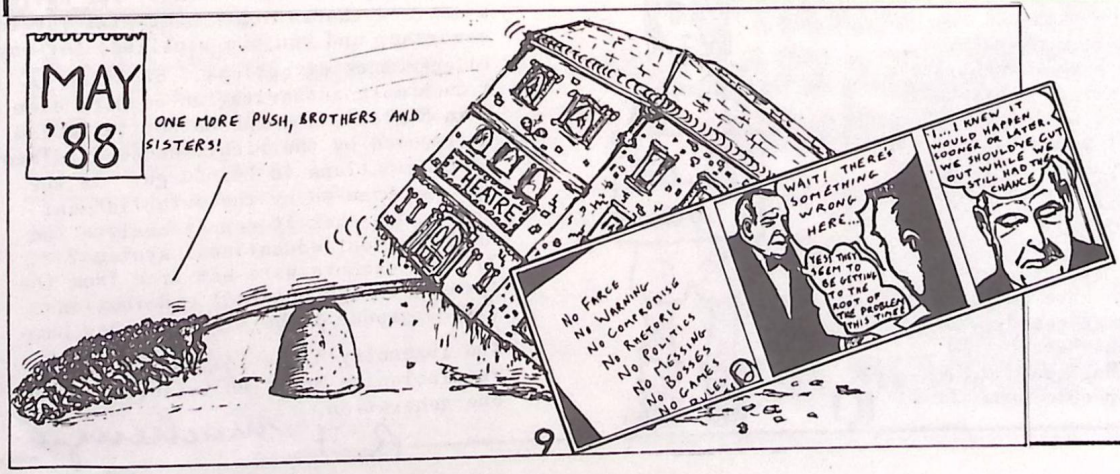
MAY '88
ONE MORE PUSH, BROTHERS AND SISTERS!
THEATRE
No FARCE
No WARNING
No COMPROMISE
No RHETORIC
No POLITICS
No MESSING
No BOSSES
No GAMES
WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE...
YES! THIS SEEM TO BE GETTING TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM THIS TIME!
I... I KNEW IT WOULD HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER. WE SHOULD'VE CUT OUT WHILE WE STILL HAD THE CHANCE

AXE TO GRIND

R.F. MacKenzie, ex-Summerhill school, Aberdeen, libertarian educationist, with 3 demands for CHILDREN'S rights at SCHOOL plus an OPEN LETTER TO J.Milne, STUC.

After the Scottish Council for Civil Liberty's conference on Children's Rights, the question that remains not satisfactorily answered is "What do we do about it now ?" Several people expressed the need to have a nucleus, round which opinion could coalesce and grow, & the SCCL offered their help & publicity(address p.12). In the meantime I offer 3 concrete, more short-term proposals which we could be putting into operation now.

First, PRIVATE EYE should be put into all school libraries and made readily available to pupils. The official school history books and the current affairs publications give such a hygenic, spotless picture of the conduct of world affairs that pupils are entirely misled about the nature of our democracy & other governments. They are taken in by the incantation of "My Lord Mayor, Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, Your Excellencies, Your Graces, My Lords, Ladies & Gentlemen...". And there's Callaghan, in the midst of it, enjoying the show and no more representing our interests than a trade union leader, translated to the House of Lords representing interests of the rank & file members. Pupils, listening to the roll of drums, are persuaded into believing that their highnesses are cast in a higher mould than the rest of us, that their excellencies are excellent & that the Right Honourables are different from the rest of us ordinary sinners.

When Labour came to power in 1945 a forecaster might have risked the prophecy that all this tomfoolery might have disappeared, dissolved in an amused smile at the Barons, Knights of the Thistle, OBE, KCB, etc.,etc.. He might have thought that by now these feudal revels would have ended, that people would no longer be taken in by getting extra letters written before or after their names. When the red-letter days of the new year honours & birthday honours come round, I look at the faces pictured in the papers & try and read what is behind these be-honoured eyes. Able, distinguished, estimable people many of them - what made them fall for this charade & think it is for real ? I try and make up new honours like the Dames of the Footstool or the Officers of the Dandelion, but I cannot compete with the Garter & the Bath and the Royal Victorian Order, Members(MVO), 4th class. I would have thought the intention was so glaringly obvious that few people would fall for it. "Look here,chaps. If you work hard and not cause us any trouble, we'll give you an honour. What about an MVO(4th class) ?"

I've been surprised at how many people, whom I would have expected to smile at this human comedy, have been lining up for an Honour. "I do not make the jokes," said G.K. Chesterton; "other people make the jokes. I just see them." We teachers must help the pupils to see the jokes. We should encourage them to smile tolerantly when the Duke of Edinburgh appears on the telly bemedalled as lavishly as President Idi Amin. And one of the best ways of helping them to see the jokes is to let them read PRIVATE EYE.

But there's more than that. Would any serious educationist say that it is a bad thing to let the pupils know who own the shares, and who give out the contracts for municipal building, and to draw their attention to the coincidences when these groups coincide. Is it not part of Children's Rights to know the truth about some of the adults who administer our state ?

SECONDLY, it would be appropriate that a campaign for Children's Rights should look into the nature of the Educational Institute of Scotland

(& of the other Scottish teacher's associations). It is one of the most reactionary groups in the country and it has a record second to none for stymying educational enquiry. I'm surprised that the STUC has been persuaded to regard it as a trade union in the usual sense of the term, since it has consistantly opposed those who want to abolish the barbaric Scottish habit of flogging with a leather belt even the younger pupils, boys & girls, of our schools. James Milne, may I address this enquiry to you ? The torture of the subjected has had a long & dishonourable history. It dates back beyond the lash of the taskmasters of the Pharoahs. It includes the records of the use of whips on American slaves and on mutinying Scottish soldiers. Whips were used in mental hospitals. Now they are everywhere prohibited in Scotland - except in the schools. And in the schools it is the children of working class parents who are most subjected to whipping. Is this not a matter of concern to the STUC ? When I was at Summerhill the EIS not only supported the retention of corporal punishment but supported those who refused to keep records of its use. It's up to you, James Milne. Why don't you ask Pollok if his institute is still opposed to the keeping of records ? As long as the STUC avoid this issue, so long will the flogging of our children continue. The STUC are, in fact, conniving at the pain & the degredation which their children have to endure.

The THIRD proposal I'd make is that the system of external examinations in schools should be abolished. It is this, more than anything else, that forces teachers into belting. The curriculum is dominated by the examinations. If a topic is unlikely to appear as an examination question, it is unlikely to appear in the curriculum. Teachers are loaded with the impossible job of pushing useless information into unwilling heads, and when energetic, healthy, independent-minded youngsters rebel, they are brought to heel with physical punishment. It's the old story which I'd thought the STUC would have read & studied long ago.. You get marks for saying the right things, for having memorised the establishment want yoy to memorise, and you are penalised for any independence of outlook. Scotland is a much more authoritarian country even than England, and the authoritarianism is imposed by the richly-endowed Palace of Examinations in Edinburgh. Is the STUC so bemused by the establishment propoganda that it cannot analyse the nature of our educational system ? If the teachers were set free from the tyranny of the external examinations (the O grades & the Highers) they have the ingenuity & the imagination to revolutionise Scottish society within one generation.

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Knowledge is power and a paper assembled from everyday struggles against authority & exploitation would serve as a positive vehicle for those fighting back.

This could also happen with distribution. People can take bundles and flog them at work or in the street & pubs or amongst friends. Commission of 2p a copy (more as sales grow) could indirectly aid the resources of a community or supplement low wages or S.S. pittance hand-outs.

This is our aim - the GPP, even if it was a'success', would be a contradiction if it turned out to be yet another select group of journalists & commentators producing a commodity for passive consumption.

Let's be hearing from you !
Help the ideal become a reality & abolish the 'contradiction'.
Fight to (REALLY) live !

80, Sunnyside Dr., Blairdardie.
Dear sir,

It's nice to see someone asking some piercing questions about some of the social problems & it's about time. I have encl. 4 poems about Glasgow & Glasgow's effects on its citizens which I hope you will find interesting.
(. HERE IS 1 OF THEM -GPP coll.)

A Passenger on the 5.46

A shiny pointed toe is tapping
In time with a personal song
Train provides the beat
And Vogue provides the dream
Same train, same dream
night upon night
Banishes the ten miles of drear

La restaurant, a moustachio'd
White Jacket
Smiles condescendingly at the bill
- which has no Chance
Pays, & whisks you into a virginal
Chevvy

Pushing eighty he lights a casual cigarette
Unearthly hotel looms austerely in the distance
He steers with his little finger & the Chev hisses to a halt.
Gliding round, he swings the fat door wide
And as you get out your feet don't touch the ground
Because fifty people want to get home in time for 'Garnock Way'

Out of my window I see grey
A grey so dazzling, so inspiring
Sometimes
And other times, simply grey
But always I can see it, feel it, breathe it
It's mine, it's there
And it's a start
ALAN CAMERON

THANKS, Stephen Rainham of Irvine for enquiry but GPP can't employ journalists(see above)

158 King's Park Ave., G.44.
Dear Charlie & GPP,

STOPP(Society of Teachers opposed to physical punishment in Scotland) is a society formed & led by teachers whose aim is to stop Scotland - or, to be more exact, their fellow-Scottish teachers - from belting the living daylights out of school kids. Although our inaugural meeting was well attended, we in STOPP SCOTLAND are under no illusions as to the difficulty of the task we set ourselves...So many of our colleagues in the profession steadfastly maintain that the belt is only used as "a last resort", a claim which is surely impossible to reconcile with the undoubted fact that being on the receiving end of the tawse is still in the last ¼ of the 20c. the almost universal experience of Scottish school-children. IAN BAYNE.
(See p.10, this letter has been heavily edited for reasons of space)

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accomodation. If you have no local connection they can arrange a transfer of responsibility with an appropriate authority where you have such a connection. The local authority's duty to those not in priority need is to provide advice and assistance to help you secure accommodation.

You could be fined for deliberately giving false information under the Act.

By Section 8 the local authority is under a duty to give written reasons for their decisions.

Thanks to 'Community Action' for our info. THE END

Bookshop

OVER a dozen people met last week to discuss ideas and prospects for a bookshop in Glasgow, an alternative to Smith's, Menzies, Holmes etc and the short sighted left group bookshops, somewhere to get the books and papers you can't get elsewhere, somewhere to drop into and meet people.

It's certainly not the first time such an idea has been discussed and the usual problems were apparent - premises / money / people. All more than welcome - see ads.
NEXT MEETING; Wednesday, 12 April, 7.30, at 146 Holland Street, G2 (Ground Floor)

GLASGOW FILM THEATRE

APRIL

Mon 3rd-Sat 8th @ 7.00 :
Ernst Scheptsel's
THE DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND (aa) +
Dick Lester's THE RITZ(x).

Mon 10th - Sat 15th @ 6.00/8.30:
Vittorio Gassman in
THE TENDER SCENT (x).

Mon 17th - Wed 19th @ 6.00/8.30:
Werner Faesbinder's
THE BOY AND HIS FRIENDS (x).
Thur 20th - Sat 22nd @ 6.00/8.30:
Eric Rohmer's
THE MARQUISE VON O (a).

Mon 24th ,CHINESE TRILOGY, (1) @ 6.00/8.30: Dance-drama
RED DETACHMENT OF WOMEN

Tues 25th, CHINESE TRILOGY, (2) @ 6.00/8.30: A'revolutionary' Peking opera TAKING TIGER MOUNTAIN BY STRATEGY.

Wed 26th, CHINESE TRILOGY, (3) @ 6.00/8.30: Dance-drama
THE WHITE-HAIRED GIRL.

Thur 27th - Sat 29th @ 6.00/8.30:
The Bolshoi Ballet, CINDERELLA (u)

Late Night films @ 11.00 :
Fri 7th, George Romero's
NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD (x)

Sat 8th, Rod Steiger in
INNOCENTS WITH DIRTY HANDS (aa)

Fri 14th, Al Pacino in
DOG DAY AFTERNOON (x)

Sat 15th, George Segal in
CALIFORNIA SPLIT (x)

Fri 21st, Robert Redford in
THE GREAT GATSBY (a)

Sat 22nd, Robert Aberdeen in
SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE BATHS (x)

Fri 28th, Fassbinder's THE BITTER TEARS OF PETRA VON KANT (x)

Sat 29th, Brian De Palma's
PHANTOM OF THE PARADISE (aa).

THIRD EYE CENTRE 3rd Floor — For information of Events & Exhibitions ph., 9-5, Closed Mon.

CITY CINEMA closed April 5th until Sept.

"NIGHTLIFE"

* ASSEMBLE in Dunbar, May 6th at mid-day
* MARCH to Torness
* MASS RALLY on site : bring your own tents, food etc.

U.C.R.A.M. TO TORNESS — NUCLEAR POWER? NO THANKS

THE SOURCE INFORMATION SERVICE

phone 946 - 3676.

GRYPS *youth information and advice centre is at* 146 HOLLAND ST.,(off Sauchiehall St.)332 5350

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC, *contraception,birth control,sexuality,etc.* 2 CLAREMONT TERRACE, Telephone 332 9144

GLASGOW WOMENS CENTRE, *for Abortion Campaign, feminist lit.,Womens refuge etc.* 221 1177 57 MILLER ST., G1.

V.D. INFORMATION SERVICE Telephone 429 5976(24hrs

CLAIMANTS UNIONS: there are now six claimants unions in Glasgow, serving Maryhill, Possilpark, Hillhead/Partick, Drumchapel, Castlemilk & Barrowfield. Tel. John, 631-2148 or Al, 336-1437. All-Glasgow meeting 15th April.

QUEENS X ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND AND YOUTHCLUB needs volunteers,wood, paint,if you think you might be able to help us contact Margarita or Dave anytime at the club

SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES; is now at 146 HOLLAND ST.G2 Telephone 332 5960

ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY: R.Marks, 80 Mossbeighis Ave.,G.52 or tel. Peter, 035 52 27032.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH; c/o Neil and Hillary, Stamper,54 Carnarvon St, Telephone 332 6295.

SCI-FI FAN GROUP; meets Thursday at 8.30 in the lounge of Wintersgills, in Gt.Western Rd.

ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION; organising to achieve an anarchist alternative to the authoritarian left.They meet at 43 Lillybank Gardens.

GLASGOW FREE - SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION: If you are interested in finding out what free schools are all about,contact: David c/o Box GPP, 146 Holland St. oriel. 336 7895

SCOTTISH IMMIGRANT LABOUR COUNCIL;affirms it's opposition to all racialist organisations such as the national front. S.I.L.C., c/o 83 Carlton Place,G5.

GAY CENTRE: 'Come out' 534 Sauchiehall St., tel. 332-3382.

ALTERNATIVE LIT.: SOLIDARITY paper & pamphlets on anti-authority struggles. + anarchist books (contact 'Source') For BLACK FLAG/ LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION *ANARCHIST literature available from:- C.Baird,J22 Berneray St., Milton, Glw G22. or telephone 336 7895*

SCOTTISH CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: *Telephone 942 3099.*

GLASGOW WHOLEFOODS CO-OPERATIVE; ARTS CENTRE,WASHINGTON ST, (opp.ANDERSON X, bus station).

SCOTTISH LIBERTARIAN FEDERATION: *unites libertarian socialists and anarchists in Scotland. Contact :-* Nina Woodcock, 17 Cheviot Cres.,Fintry, DUNDEE.

PENNY ADS COLUMN: *for all sales and wants,swaps, personal etc.*

OCCULT & ALLIED EQUIPMENT. Tapes: California Wicca Blues Band; British Legends; FESTIVAL of Mind & Body; Vera Stanley Alder; Witchcraft. ALSO: Ritual Aids; Crystals; Biorythms; Books; Pyramid Energy. Enquiries: MRG Service, 32- 46578.

WANTED: 'Maths in the Primary School', Downes & Pailing - secondhand.

WANTED:- A lift to France around the beginining of September, for two people - will share expenses. Box No 4. G.P.P.

GLASGOW PEOPLES PRESS WANT YOUR OLD GEAR FOR A JUMBLE SALE GIVE US A BUZZ AT 946 3676.

ANYONE interested in a bookshop,cafe,information centre. Or do you know of suitable premises please get in touch with me: Paul - 334 8793.

WE ARE *a group of people trying to set up a free school,we need your help with donations of kids books,pencils,crayons, paper, etc.* Box no. 3

ANY COMMUNICATION TO THE PAPER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:- BOX G.P.P., 146 HOLLAND STREET, GLW, G2 4NG.